

VOLCANO FIRE IS BLAZING

A PARTY OF TOURISTS RETURNING BY THE MAUNA LOA THIS MORNING, TELL OF THE ACTIVITY IN HALEMAUMAU—ARE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN AT KILAUEA.

There is fire in the crater of Halemaumau. The fire has been going day and night. News of the fire was brought this morning by a large party of tourists who returned from the volcano by the steamer Mauna Loa. The party went up to the volcano nearly two weeks ago.

From the statements of those in the party, the center of activity is a well defined portion of the pit. A place which was said to be about fifty feet in diameter was the particular center of activity. The lava was bubbling in this place. Evidently a greater portion of the floor of the inner crater is affected. What would appear to those above the floor of the pit to be fifty feet in diameter would be much greater. The spectators had to look down about 1,500 feet and a space fifty feet in diameter would appear nothing but a tiny speck from such an elevation.

Quantities of steam were to be seen arising from numerous places in the big crater proper.

EMERGENCY BILL

THE SENATE COMPLETES THE BILL THIS MORNING—THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE BAND GOES THROUGH—MARKET INSPECTOR'S SALARY IS CUT DOWN.

The Senate got in an economical mood this morning when the item of salary for the fish inspector at Honolulu was considered in the second reading of the appropriation bill. The bill proposed to pay the inspector \$450 for the six months period for which it is proposed to make the appropriation.

Senator Kaohi wanted the entire item eliminated. J. T. Brown seemed of the same opinion.

Senator Achi supported the item. He said that the revenue from the market was considerable and that the men who did the work in collecting these revenues should be paid for the work they did. The appropriation was not excessive, he thought. He moved that the item pass at \$450. This was lost. Senator Cecil Brown then moved that the item pass at \$400 which was also voted down. There was an evident disposition to cut the item out entirely, so before anybody could make any such motion Senator Cecil Brown offered another motion to pass the item at \$380. This measure passed.

When the salary of the assistant market inspector came up, however, one of the Home Rulers moved that the item be raised from \$300 to \$350, and the Home Rulers voted solid in favor of the measure. The measure was voted down by a strict party vote. Senator Achi moved that the original item of \$300 pass. This was carried.

Passing along various items the items for the band were reached. Everything got through. Senator Crabbe had the item appropriating \$600 for the singers, reconsidered. He said that the item should be more specific. He had been informed that on this account that the two lady vocalists had not received all of the salary that had been appropriated for them. The senator wanted the item to specify that it was for the payment of two lady or female vocalists. After some discussion the amendment was made and the item was passed.

The item of \$1250 for the maintenance of hospitals was referred to a special committee consisting of Senators Paris, Dickey, Wilcox, McCandless and Palmer Woods.

There was some discussion over the item of \$2250 for the Auditor but the item was passed as read.

The Senate finished the emergency appropriation at the session this morning. The various measures which were referred to committees will first have to be reported on before the measure can come up next week for its third reading.

CRIMINAL INFORMATION.

United States District Attorney R. W. Breckons this morning filed a criminal information in the United States District Court. As the party accused is not under arrest, it was placed on the secret file.

WRAY TAYLOR IN BOSTON

FRIENDS OF THE FORMER AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER IN LOWELL, MASS., AWARE OF HIS TROUBLES IN HAWAII—TAYLOR REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN BOSTON LAST WEEK.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

LOWELL, Mass., March 13.—Former Agricultural Commissioner Wray Taylor, of Hawaii, is believed to have been in Boston last week. Friends here are aware of his troubles in Hawaii.

No further news regarding Wray Taylor was received by Attorney General Andrews today. This is supposed to mean that the police on the Mainland failed to locate him and that he has left the country.

The theory of insanity in Taylor's case has some supporters in view of his peculiar actions. He remained in San Francisco quite openly and in touch with the government here for five weeks after he left and in view of the smallness of the alleged embezzlement, as compared to the amount available if Taylor had wanted to make a steal, it is the opinion of many that an ordinary charge of embezzlement does not fit the case.

MAY CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DETERMINED TO HAVE THE CUBAN TREATY IN EFFECT IN TIME FOR THE NEXT SUGAR CROP AND MAY CALL THE WHOLE FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS TOGETHER.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—President Roosevelt is considering calling an extra session of the whole Fifty-eighth Congress, if it is necessary to do so in order to ratify the Cuban treaty in time for the present harvest of sugar in the island. The Senate's approval of the treaty carries with it a proviso that it shall not go into effect until approved by the House. Senate leaders predict definite action in the present session on both the Panama and Cuban treaties.

HONDURAS REBELS GAINING

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Admiral Coghlan's squadron has been ordered to Honduras, owing to reports that the revolutionists are gaining.

OPERATORS NOT GUILTY

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 13.—The Indiana coal operators have been found guilty of conspiracy to restrict the shipments of coal in order to aggravate the shortage and force prices still higher than they are.

AWFUL DEED OF MANIAC

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

BELLEFONTAINE, Missouri, March 13.—An insane farmer named Krauss living near here killed his wife and their six children and then committed suicide.

MURDEROUS BANDITS

GANG ROADAGENTS HOLD UP STAGE NEAR TUCSON, ARIZ—DRIVER AND PASSENGERS SHOWED FIGHT—ROBBERS ATTACKED THEM AND KILLED ENTIRE OUTFIT AND THEN ROBBED STAGE.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

TUCSON, A. T., March 13.—A stage was held up today near here by a crowd of desperate bandits. The driver and six passengers resisted the attempt of the roadagents to rob the stage. A fight ensued in which the driver and six passengers were killed by the robbers. The latter rode away. Poses have been organized in all sections and are in pursuit of the murderers.

NEW ATTORNEY ADMITTED.

J. P. Ball, Jr., has been admitted to practice by the Supreme Court. His petition sets forth that he is a native of Ohio, and has been admitted to practice in the courts of the States of Montana and Washington.

CRAWFORD DIVORCE GRANTED.

Judge Robinson this morning heard the divorce case of Rebecca P. Crawford vs. W. H. Crawford. The divorce was granted, and Crawford was ordered to pay \$20 per month permanent alimony.

APPEAL WITHDRAWN.

The appeal has been withdrawn in the case of W. W. North vs. F. J. Cross.

THE CHINESE FUND PUZZLE

HOUSE COMMITTEE WANTS SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COME BACK FROM MAUI AND HELP THE MSOLVE IT—WIRELESS TELEGRAPH RESORTED TO.

Representative Kumalae introduced this morning and the House adopted a resolution to send a wireless message to Superintendent Cooper asking him to return at once to Honolulu, to appear before the special committee which is investigating the matter of the Chinese fund. The resolution was as follows:

"Whereas it is necessary for the heads of departments to be in the city of Honolulu when the Legislature is in session, and

"Whereas, the Honorable Henry E. Cooper, Superintendent of Public Works, is away from the said city of Honolulu, therefore,

"Be it resolved by the House of Representatives that the clerk of this House be and is hereby instructed to send a message through the wireless telegraph to the Sheriff of Maui to be by him forwarded without delay to the said Honorable Henry E. Cooper to return to this city by the S. S. Claudine on Sunday, March 15, 1903

"JONAH KUMALAE, Representative Fourth District."

"It has been the custom of heads of departments to remain here while the legislature is in session," said Kumalae, "and it is necessary for them to be here to answer questions. The committee was appointed to investigate the matter of the Chinese fund and we need the testimony of Mr. Cooper. If he had been here we should have been able to report this morning. If we do not send for the Superintendent of Public Works he may go to Hawaii and be away several weeks while the House will not get its report from this committee.

Chillingworth supported Kumalae's resolution. He is a member of the Chinese fund committee and said that the committee had worked hard and had collected a lot of testimony, which Cooper's evidence was needed to complete. "Some of the parties connected with this Chinese fund have left the country," said Chillingworth, "and it is necessary that Mr. Cooper appear and things which the committee desires to know about."

The resolution was unanimously adopted without further discussion, and Meheula was instructed to send a wireless to Cooper during the noon recess.

WILL BUY KAHAIKI LEASES

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WIRES TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRECKONS FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE OPTIONS ON THEM FOR TWO MONTHS AND WANTS IMMEDIATE REPLY.

United States District Attorney R. W. Breckons this morning received a cable from Washington which indicates that the government intends to purchase the Kahauiki leases on which options were secured some time ago for a military reservation. The cable asks Breckons if he can secure a two-months extension of time on the options of the leases.

Breckons will find out from the Dowsett Estate, the Star Dairy and others if they are willing to extend the leases in question and will cable an answer today or tomorrow.

WATER AND LIGHT.

LAHAINA, March 12.—At the Pioneer Mill, grinding is progressing at a lively rate, day and night. When the new ditch and the numerous tunnels are completed, there will be an abundant flow of water. Dynamos will probably furnish sufficient electricity to run all the machinery and the use of coal can be dispensed with. It is hoped that the plantation will eventually be able to light the streets, stores and dwellings with electricity, at the center of the town.

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